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SUBJ: HEW PROPOSAL TO BASE EPIDEMIOLOGIST IN PORT OF SPAIN

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1. AT MEXICAN RECEPTION LAST EVENING I HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR EXTENDED DISCUSSION WITH GOTT MINISTRY OF HEALTH PERMANENT SECRETARY TEASLEY TAITT. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO SOUND TAITT OUT ON EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEY PROJECT AT TRINIDAD REGIONAL VIRUS LABORATORY (TRVL WITHOUT REVEALING CURRENT DISCUSSIONS WITHIN USG OR EXPRESSING ANY EMBASSY VIEW.

2. TAITT MADE IT CLEAR THAN HIN HIS VIEW CARIBBEAN HEALTH MINISTERS HAD TURNED PROBLEM OVER TO PAHO. HE REPORTED THAT GOTT HAS NOW NEGOTIATED NECESSARY HOST GOVT AGREEMENT WITH PAHO TO FACILITATE OPERATION AND STAFFING OF TRVL. IT HAD BEEN HOPED BY HEALTH MINISTERS THAT PAHO TAKEOVER AND INAUGURATION OF EXPANDED EPIDEMIOLOGICAL PROJECT COULD HAVE BEEN INAUGURATED IN AUGUST. PAHO HAD BEEN GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY TO RECRUIT NEW TRVL DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EPIDEMIOLOGIST. TAITT UNDERSTANDS THAT PAHO HAS NEW DIRECTOR ALREADY SELECTED AND READY TO TAKE OVER, ALTHOUGH APPOINTMENT COULD BE JEOPARDIZED BY CURRENT DELAY OF PAHO TAKEOVER UNTIL OCTOBER 1. HE UNDERSTOOD PAHO WOULD PROBABLY OBTAIN EPIDEMIOLOGIST FROM USA IN VIEW OF INTEREST OF CDC ATLANTA IN PROJECT AND USG COMMITMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROX \$300 THOUSAND. HE REVEALED THAT DELAY IN PAHO

IMPLEMENTATION WAS NOT RPT NOT DUE TO PAHO OR GOTT, BUT RESULTED FROM INSISTENCE OF UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES (UWI), WHICH PRESENTLY ADMINISTERS TRVL, THAT IT COULD NOT RELINQUISH LAB UNTIL AFTER UWI BOARD OF REGENTS MEETS IN SEPTEMBER TO RATIFY DECISION OF HEALTH MINISTERS.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH TAITT WAS FULLY INFORMED OF USG ASSISTANCE OFFER OF \$300 THOUDAND TO IPIDEMIOLOGY PROJECT, IT WAS CLEAR FROM DISCUSSION THAT GOTT BELIEVES PROFESSIONAL STAFFING OF EXPANDED TRVL IS RESPONSIBILITY OF PAHO. IT WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING TO NOTE SOURCE OF DELAY IN GETTING PROJECT OFF THE GROUND IS NOT PAHO-RELATED.  
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